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5. — *The Works of PHILIP LINDSLEY, D. D., formerly Vice-President and President elect of the College of New Jersey, Princeton, and late President of the University of Nashville, Tennessee.* Edited by LE-ROY J. HALSEY, D. D., Professor in the Theological Seminary of the Northwest. With Introductory Notices of his Life and Labors. By the Editor. Vol. I. *Educational Discourses.* Vol. II. *Sermons and Religious Discourses.* Vol. III. *Miscellaneous Discourses and Essays.* Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. 1866. 3 vols. 8vo. pp. 648, 720, 731.

THESE volumes form a very handsome monument to Dr. Lindsley's memory. 2,100 octavo pages are enough to bury even a great reputation. Such a mass of a man's writings may be full of interest to his personal friends, but it is formidable to the general public, and even Dr. Lindsley's fame would have been better served by a publication of more moderate dimensions.

Dr. Lindsley had the peculiar honor of being "solicited to the presidency of [literary] institutions more frequently perhaps than any other man who has ever lived in this country." For twenty-six years, however, he remained President of what is called the University of Nashville, in Tennessee, and made vigorous and creditable, though not very successful, efforts to elevate the standard of education in that State. This was the chief distinction of his life.

Philip Lindsley was born in New Jersey in 1786. He was graduated at the College of New Jersey in 1804, then studied for the ministry, and while pursuing his studies held for two years the place of Latin and Greek Tutor in his College. In 1812 he was made Professor, and filled this post with ability for twelve years. In 1825 he became President of the University at Nashville, carrying his Eastern culture to the West, and here he remained till 1850, when he accepted a professorship in the New Albany Theological Seminary. He held this position for a little more than two years, and he died in 1855. Such is the outline of his professional life. His character, if we may judge from the reports of friends and pupils, was one of great excellence. He was respected by all who knew him. He was a man of liberal temper, and his views of education were better than the common. He was an effective preacher and a faithful teacher. He was not so much an original thinker as a student, and his scholarly acquisitions were really various and extensive. He delighted in books, and was a very rapid reader. He read "all sorts of books," as he himself confessed, and "far too many of them." There could have been few scholars west of the Alleghanies his equals in range of information or variety of learning.

The evidences of his good sense and his right feeling, his fairness of mind and his liberal disposition, abound in these volumes. But they are accompanied with the indications of imperfect early training and of the intellectual limitations consequent on the want of high culture in the society with which he was most connected. There was not intellectual life enough in Tennessee to give animation and sustenance to such a nature as his, or to keep its forces in full play. On the other hand, there is little of the freshness and eager life of the West in these volumes. The thought and style of his discourses is in the main of the East, and it is of the East before the flood. Dr. Lindsley's views on slavery were quite as advanced as could have been expected from one in his position. He was no conservative of wrong; and had he lived till the day of the great struggle there is no doubt on which side he would have been found.

His memory will be kept in honor by his surviving pupils, and in future years Tennessee will hold him among her benefactors for his efforts in the cause of education. Had there been a proper system of education in Tennessee, from how much misery might she have been spared!

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6. — *Social Life of the Chinese: with some Account of their Religious, Governmental, Educational, and Business Customs and Opinions. With Special but not Exclusive Reference to Fuhchau.* By REV. JUSTUS DOOLITTLE, fourteen Years Member of the Fuhchau Mission of the American Board. With over one hundred and fifty Illustrations. New York: Harper and Brothers. 1865. 2 vols. 12mo. pp. 459, 490.

THESE volumes contain a vast deal of miscellaneous information respecting the habits and manners of the Chinese, derived in the main from the author's observations and personal inquiries. Dr. Doolittle has been an industrious collector of facts, but his field of observation has been somewhat limited, and his work is of more value in its accounts of local usages, than as a general view of Chinese custom and opinion. It is crowded with curious and interesting details of the actual life of the Chinese in the district in which the author resided for many years, and contains descriptions of much that has been passed over with comparatively slight notice by most other writers on the subject. It is, however, defective in method and proportion, comparing unfavorably in these respects with the well-known works of Davis and Williams, to which it forms a useful supplement.

The numerous well-executed illustrations add much to its interest.